



# AKC IMPACT IN MASSACHUSETTS

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1884 to promote the study, breeding, exhibiting, and advancement of purebred dogs. Together with our clubs and affiliates, AKC works to advance the health and wellbeing of all dogs, protect the rights of dog owners, and promote responsible dog ownership. We represent more than 5,000 dog clubs nationally, including **114 clubs in the state of Massachusetts**.

The AKC sanctions over 22,000 dog events each year, which generate significant economic benefits to local communities in addition to the millions of dollars AKC dog owners in Massachusetts spend annually on their dogs.

## AKC DOG EVENTS IN MA (2022)

**476**  
EVENTS



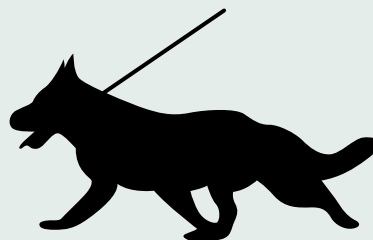
**63,000**  
PARTICIPANTS

An increase of 11% in dog events and 6% in dog participation from 2021, respectively.

## 1 DISASTER RELIEF TRAILER DONATED



AKC Pet Disaster Relief is a lifesaving program in which AKC Reunite® partners with AKC clubs to donate trailers stocked with equipment to help create a safe, temporary shelter for at least 65 pets before, during, and after a disaster is declared. The trailer's crates and generator can be set up as co-location shelters, where owners can evacuate with their pets, as well as emergency animal shelters for displaced animals.



**\$2.15 million**  
ECONOMIC BENEFIT OF  
DOG SHOW WEEKEND

Surveys demonstrate that exhibitors at AKC conformation dog shows spend an average of **\$982 per show weekend**. This means spending by AKC dog show exhibitors for a show weekend could **inject more than \$2.15 million into the local economy**. And because AKC dog shows are an educational and family-friendly event, large spectator gates can generate additional revenues for cities and towns statewide.

## AKC REUNITE ADOPT A K-9 COP GRANTS

AKC Reunite® and AKC Clubs work together to fund the purchase of law enforcement K-9s for police departments around the United States.

### MASSACHUSETTS POLICE AGENCIES THAT RECEIVED GRANTS



BRAINTREE POLICE WORKING DOG FOUNDATION, INC.  
METHUEN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FRAMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT  
LONGMEADOW POLICE DEPARTMENT

## SUPPORTING CANINE HEALTH RESEARCH

The AKC Canine Health Foundation (CHF) has invested over **\$2.26M in canine health research** at Massachusetts institutions state-wide through the support of **34 projects, research grants, and educational studies to benefit dogs at Boston Medical Center, Broad Institute, Ethos Discovery, Tufts Medical Center, and Tufts University**. This research has spanned topics related to general canine health and behavior, kidney and urological disease, neurology oncology including hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma, cardiology, dermatology and allergic disease, gastrointestinal disease, hepatic disease, musculoskeletal conditions and disease. There are currently **4 active grants** which comprise of projects investigating noninvasive biomarkers of disease severity in dogs with gallbladder mucocele, identification of genetic risk factors in degenerative myelopathy in German Shepherds, and research into curative outcomes in canine hemangiosarcoma. CHF prioritizes a One Health and comparative medicine research approach to diagnose and treat health conditions that affect both ends of the leash while advancing canine health for all dogs.



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